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This congregation traces its history back to the 1670's and enjoys the distinction of being the "first church in Philadelphia, with the longest record of continuity of a living congregation in the new world." The congregation officially became part of the Diocese of Pennsylvania in 1845.

Located at 916 South Swanson Street, Gloria Dei is a beautiful brick structure built in the year 1700. The building seats approximately 320 persons and is in need of restoration. The parish hall, of brick construction, is separated from the church. Interior facilities need to be modernized. Also included in the church properties are a rectory, a brick structure of seven rooms; a sexton's house, a five-room structure; and a guild house, a three-room structure. All church properties are insured at well under 50% of their total estimated replacement value.

Referral may be made to Pages K-4 through 6 of the Church Self-Study Form for a more complete history of the congregation and a further description of the church properties.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

The ministry of this historic church extends over a wide area, particularly the southeast section of the City of Philadelphia. For the purposes of

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this Study, however, an arbitrary parish area has been assigned for this congregation. In conformity with existing United States Census Bureau divisions, this area comprises Census Tracts 1-A, B, and C, 2-A and B and 3-A and B. Gloria Dei Church is located in Census Tract 2-A. The 1960 population of this arbitrarily assigned parish area was 46,835 persons.

No statistics were available on the population of Census Tracts 3-A and B for 1950. The remaining census tracts in the parish area all showed a population decrease during the 1950 to 1960 decade, the largest decrease occurring in Census Tract 2-A, the site of Gloria Dei Church. Of the 4,780 persons residing in this census tract in 1960, children 14 years of age and under were 27.6%. Adults 65 years of age and over were 9.9%. Non-whites were slightly more than one-fourth of the population, with 28.1%. Median family income in this census tract was $4,933.00, second lowest in the area, with the exception of Census Tract 1-A for which no median income was available. Approximately 73.1% of the residents in this census tract occupied the same dwellings during the 1955 to 1960 period. The following chart provides similar data on the remaining tracts in the parish area. Attention is called to the fact that more than one-fourth of the area's population comprised children 14 years of age and under, and that the percentage of senior citizens was relatively high in five of the seven census tracts. Non-whites were concentrated in Census Tracts 2-A and B and 3-A and B.

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CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	POPULATION 1950	POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	% 14 & UNDER	% 65 & OVER	% NON-WHITE
2-A	9,323	4,780	-48.7	27.6	9.9	28.1
1-A	589	397	-32.6	31.5	8.3	1.8
1-B	15,014	12,102	-19.4	25.5	10.1	3.6
1-C	16,890	13,613	-19.4	22.8	13.5	1.1
2-B	11,029	8,025	-27.2	26.6	10.6	20.8
3-A	NA	3,787	-	28.3	11.1	48.9
3-B	NA	4,131	-	23.3	11.9	28.6
TOTAL		46,835				14.2

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1950	NON-WHITE POPULATION 1960	% CHANGE	PUERTO RICAN 1960	MED. FAMILY INC.	RESIDENCE 1960 SAME AS 1955 %
2-A	2,977	1,342	-54.9	45	4,933	73.1
1-A	7	7	-	0	NA	82.0
1-B	191	431	125.7	61	5,299	61.7
1-C	187	148	-20.9	0	5,518	70.8
2-B	3,776	1,671	-55.7	54	5,123	67.6
3-A	NA	1,853	-	33	3,988	61.0
3-B	NA	1,180	-	75	4,781	63.5
TOTAL		6,632		268= 0.6% Of The Tot. Pop.		

Information is also available on the educational characteristics of the adults 25 years of age and over residing in the parish area in 1960. In Census Tract 2-A, high school graduates were 10.5% while college graduates were 0.1%. An additional 1.2% had received from one to three years of college training. The median educational level of this census tract was 8.2 years (also 3-B) lowest in the area.

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The median age for males was 32.0 years while the median age for females was 32.7 years. The following chart provides data on the additional tracts in the parish area:

EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS.OF AGE & OVER

CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	% H.S. GRAD.	% COLLEGE 1-3 YRS.	% COLLEGE GRAD.	MED. EDUC.	MED. AGE M	MED. AGE F
2-A	10.5	1.2	0.1	8.2	32.0	32.7
1-A	16.4	-	-	8.8	26.0	28.9
1-B	11.7	2.2	2.0	8.6	32.1	33.9
1-C	11.4	1.7	2.1	8.3	33.1	35.2
2-B	12.4	0.3	0.9	8.3	32.9	33.3
3-A	10.9	1.9	1.2	8.3	32.4	34.1
3-B	12.6	1.7	1.2	8.2	36.1	35.9

This Study located a total of 301 Episcopalians who represent 0.6% of the area's 1960 population of 46,835 persons. Of these Episcopalians, 117, or 38.9%, look to Gloria Dei Church for spiritual guidance. They represent 19.5% of the congregation's total mapped membership of 607 persons. (Note: the Church Self-Study Form says that 68% of the members live in the Market Street area.) The highest number of Episcopalians existed in Census Tract 1-B and the lowest existed in 1-A. Parish membership was highest in 1-B. None of the residents of Census Tracts 2-B and 3-B was a member of Gloria Dei Church. Additional information on the population characteristics of the area appear in the chart below:

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CENSUS TRACT OR ZONE	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
2-A	4,780	46	1.0	30	65.2	5.0
1-A	397	4	1.0	4	100.0	0.7
1-B	12,102	129	1.1	72	55.8	12.0
1-C	13,613	46	0.3	2	4.3	0.3
2-B	8,025	43	0.5	0	-	-
3-A	3,787	21	0.5	9	42.9	1.5
3-B	4,131	12	0.3	0	-	-
TOTAL	46,835	301	0.6	117	38.9	19.5

The Church Self-Study Form provides a list of the public and private schools as well as other religious denominations which are located within the church neighborhood. Also included in the report is a community improvement plan. Parish leadership is urged to give careful consideration to the information contained therein.

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THE CHURCH PROGRAM

This portion of the Study is usually devoted to an analysis of the congregation's program as outlined in the Church Self-Study Form. This Form has been reproduced and included in this report to permit more careful consideration by local leadership. The following paragraphs are, therefore, intended to summarize the major aspects of the church's program.

Less than one-fourth (approximately 21.9%) of the baptized membership of this congregation attended services on an average Sunday during the past year. Most Episcopal congregations report an attendance norm of 45% to 50%. Communicant strength, at approximately 82.1%, was higher than the usual two-thirds proportion that exists between the number of communicants and the total baptized membership of a congregation. Attendance by communicants, however, was low, with 100 communicants attending either regularly or occasionally.

The church school lists an enrollment of 112 students and a staff of 10 persons. Operated on a 10-month basis, instruction is offered from nursery school through teen-agers. Attendance during the past year ranged from a low of 39 to a high of 73. The rector had the major share of responsibility for recruiting teachers. Volunteers from the parish assisted the rector in teacher-training programs.

No general adult education program was listed in the Church Self-Study Form. According to the local study group, the Christian education program for this congregation can be strengthened by the

addition of teachers with college background.

Less than one-fifth of the adults of the congregation participated in parochial activities. Of 200 women, 40, or 20.0%, were active in one organization. Of 162 men, 20, or 12.3%, were active in one organization. The Vestry and the Women of Gloria Dei were the only organizations that submitted individual reports.

According to the financial data provided in the Church Self-Study Form, pledges (not including Christmas and Easter) contributed approximately one-fourth (25.5%) of the congregation's income. The average pledge was $13.06, much lower than the national average per communicant pledge of $56.00. Endowments provided approximately 27.3% of income. No Every Member Canvass is conducted annually. Special appeals, loyalty Sunday pledges, stewardship sermons, and special campaigns provide other means of fund raising or stewardship education.

Page K-25A of the Church Self-Study Form provides information on the basic evangelistic effort of the congregation. The report is commendable.

Parish promotion and publicity appear to be excellent, with various communications media being utilized.

The congregation is listed as being "somewhat" community-minded, with the rector and some members of the congregation active in community affairs.

The Church Self-Study Form notes that this congregation pays its "accepted" Missionary Share or Quota, and that $1,500.00 of its budget goes for missionary work.

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As far as the future policy, program, and budget of the congregation are concerned, the Local Study Group lists the need for a sexton and an assistant for heavy work, better trained teaching personnel, and the restoration of the buildings. The major opportunity facing the congregation is the rehabilitation of the church neighborhood. As a national shrine, Gloria Dei Church will attract an increasing number of persons. The major problem facing the congregation is its neighborhood - depressed, with mixed industrial and residential areas. A projected expressway might adversely effect the congregation. In the opinion of the Local Study Group there is a need for inducing new members to join the congregation and revitalizing and increasing the number of older members.

Page K-31 of the Church Self-Study Form lists the committee which prepared the Church Self-Study Form. The General Division of Research and Field Study commends this group for its efforts.

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Date November 1, 1964

CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

I. IDENTIFICATION PH-21

Church Gloria Dei (Old Swedes')

Street 916 S. Swanson Street

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve?

South-East Philadelphia plus some communicants from other parts of the city and suburbs and Swedish friends from various places in the metropolitan area.

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses ____ Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings X Rooming houses X Single-home dwellings X A college ____ Military uses ____ Other institutions ____ Port Facilities

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

This is an old neighborhood with mixed land-use.

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

See attached map, literature and comments.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
See attached list.	

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
See attached list	

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
See attached list	

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
See attached list	

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOLS	ADDRESS
See attached list and	
notes A & B below	

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES	ADDRESS
None	

Note A: Fleisher Memorial (Graphic Sketch Club) - 715 Catherine St. --- A privately endowed free art school, gallery and art sanctuary. The sanctuary is used as a place of rest and meditation. The institution, under the supervision of the Phila. Museum of Art, is open to all people who wish to study drawing, painting or sculpture in the evenings or weekends.

Note B: Settlement Music School, 416 Queen St. --- supported by contributions as a health and welfare community facility, this school gives musical training to children from all parts of the city. The curriculum includes training for advanced students, usually of high school age.

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

	NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
	NEW HOPE TEMPLE BAPTIST	711 S. 12th St.
	ST. JOHN'S BAPTIST	13th & Tasker St.
	MOORE ST. BAPTIST	Front & Moore Sts.
	BAPTIST MISSION	5th & Oregon Ave.
P. E.	CHAPEL PRINCE PEACE	22nd & Morris St.
P. E.	CHURCH OF CRUCIFIXION	620 S. 8th St.
P. E.	MEMORIAL C. OF ST. PAUL	15th & Porter Sts.
P. E.	ST. JOHN'S EVANGELIST	3rd & Reed Sts.
P. E.	ST. LUKE & EPIPHANY	330 S. 18th St.
P. E.	ST. PETER'S	319 Lombard St.
	EMANUEL (LUTHERAN)	4th & Carpenter Sts.
	ST. LUKE'S (METHODIST)	Broad & Jackson Sts.
	METHODIST MISSION	5th & Snyder Ave.
	GREENWICH (PRESBYTERIAN)	Moyamensing Ave. & Greenwhich
	OLD PINE STREET (PRESBYTERIAN)	4th & Pine St.
	CHALMERS WYLIE (PRESBYTERIAN)	Broad & Spruce Sts.
	CALVARY (PRESBYTERIAN)	2611 S. Broad St.
	STELLA MARIS R. C.	9th & Beigler Sts.
	MOUNT CARMEL R. C.	3rd & Wolfe Sts.
	SACRED HEART R. C.	1404 S. 3rd St.
	ST. ALPHONSUS (GERMAN)	1400 S. 4th St.
	ST. PHILIP NERI (GERMAN)	218 Queen St.
	ST. STANISLAUS (POLISH)	242 Fitzwater St.
	ST. MARY'S (POLISH)	252 S. 4th St.
	ST. JOSEPH'S (POLISH)	321 Willings Alley
	ST. PAUL'S (ITALIAN)	9th & Christian St.

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The early Swedes, in the days of Queen Christina and Chancellor Oxenstierna, were the main springs in furthering a territorial dream in the New World of their soverign, Gustavus Adolphus, who came to his death during the European religious Thirty Years War. Settlement was first made in Wilmington, Delaware, in 1638 under the leadership of the same Dutch adventurer, Peter Minuit, who led the Dutch settlement of the city of New York (New Amsterdam). The Swedes fanned out from Wilmington and among other places proceeded to what is now Philadelphia. The congregation of the Swedish State Church was established in 1642 at Tinicum Island, 16 miles north of Wilmington. The Rev. Johan Campanious was the first Rector; thirty seven missionaries followed. In 1655 Peter Stuyvesant sent a force from New Amsterdam and overcame the Swedes. In 1664 the conquest of New Amsterdam occurred, and the cessation of Dutch power. In 1677 a block Church was built on this site, which the Indians called Wicacoe. A Dutch clergyman from New Amsterdam was engaged, The Rev. Jacob Frabricious. In 1682, William Penn arrived with those of Quaker persuasion, and thereafter for many years came English, Irish, Scotch, and later, Germans. The Swedish State Church had supervision of the congregation from its founding until 1797, when autonomy was granted by the Archbishop of Uppsala. The Rector at this time, Nicholas Collin, remained in office until his death in 1831, which, since he was a minister of the Swedish Church, carried its effective influence to this date.

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION (continued)

Due to the immigration from the British Isles and Germany, and since Swedish immigration had ceased with 1655, no Swedish had been spoken for many years. The present brick church was completed in 1700. In 1845 the church entered the Diocese of Pennsylvania by congregational consent. Nicholas Collin, the last rector of the Swedish Mission, had eight Anglican curates, the last one of whom became the first Episcopal Rector, the Rev. John C. Clay. Apostolic Faith and Order had much to do with the transition. Because of its age the church has many "firsts"--the first church in Pennsylvania, as well as the longest record of continuity of a living congregation in the New World. Under Anglican leadership since 1845, our buildings have increased--the Rectory and Parish Hall - and our endowments have been created and the congregation enlarged and maintained.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

The Church owns one property, on which the church edifice and the buildings stand. The rest of the surrounding block is property of the United States. (See attached plan).

2. Type of church building: Frame ____ Brick X Stone ____ Other _____ (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

The Church building, constructed in 1700, with ~~19th C.~~ balconies and organ loft added in 1845, will seat 320 persons at full capacity. The structure is basically sound, but restoration of surface materials and electrical work is urgently needed. Est. cost $30,000.

Replacement Value $ 300,000 Amount of insurance carried $ 79,100

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached _____ Separated X ;

In basement of the church _____ ; Frame _____ Brick X

Stone _____ Other _____ (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

The Parish Hall (mid-19th C.) has one large room with a stage and small wing spaces, fully equipped kitchen and a small basement where the furnace is located. Interior finish is adequate but exterior trim and gable siding is in desperate need of replacement. Interior facilities need to be modernized. Estimated cost $10,000 to $15,000.

Replacement value $ 80,000 Amount of insurance carried $ 28,900

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;

Frame ____ Brick X Stone ____ Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building, and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

The Rectory is early 19th C., with living and dining rooms, kitchen, bath and four bedrooms. Extensive repairs throughout are needed. Est. cost -- $20,000. At present most of the interior and all of the exterior is being redecorated.

Is it used as a clergy residence? Yes If not, what use is made of the building?

Replacement value: $ 70,000 Insurance carried: $ 17,500

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving (a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition; (d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value; (f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

Sexton's house, built early 19th C.: (a) brick; (b) 5 rooms; (c) condition fair; (d) interior cabinet work and trim, electrical work. Exterior sash replacement, roof and metalwork replacement, wood trim replacement, brick cleaning and repair - $7,000: (e) replacement value -- $25,000; (f) insurance -- $5,500; (g) present use - Sexton's house. Guild House, built early 19th C.: (a) brick; (b) 3 rooms; (c) fair condition; (d) extensive remodeling, exterior and interior -- $50,000; (e) replacement value - $30,000; (f) insurance - $11,900; (g) present use - Sunday School and Gift Shop (Swedish Imports).

Note: The large figure for item D includes extension of the Guild House, proposed in the Church's development plan.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number 202

Number of individuals not in families 144

2. Baptized membership

1950	1960	Now
	440	653

Communicants

1950	1960	Now
	460	536

Church School

1950	1960	Now
	103	112

	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list			30	0	11
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list		20	18	13	20

4. Communicants added:					
By confirmation from Episcopal families		18	18	17	13
By confirmation from other Churches		0	0		2
By reception from other Churches		0	0		
By baptism and confirmation from no church		0	0		
Total		18	18	17	15

5. Attendance:

Number of communicants who attended regularly last year 75

Number of communicants who attended occasionally 25

Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community

Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred

6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting? 85

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	9 A.M.	12	15	24
Morning Prayer	11	30	72	149
Holy Communion	11	40	63	109

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE* LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
None				

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

Lenten - Wednesday Evenings; Lucia Fest - 4 Services in Advent; Christmas Eve; Annual Thanksgiving Service with the Mayflower Society -- Anniversary Service of the founding of the Church and construction of the Eddifice; Annual Services with the Boy Scouts; Annual Services with Eastern Star Lodge No. 186; Annual Line Officers Christmas Service of the Knights Templar; Annual Exchange

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Thanksgiving United Service 20-25

(Paragraph C cont)

Services with the Congregation of the Neziner Synagogue, 2nd and Catherine Streets - Annual Services with the Swedish Colonial Society; Julotta service in Swedish 6:00 o'clock Christmas morning.

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

None Recently

Church School moved from 2 P.M. to 9:45 A.M.

Early Service From 8 A.M. to 9 A.M.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are birthdays, anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? Yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? Occasionally
3. Is baby care provided during any service? Not at present

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 10

b. Students 112

Total 122

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 39

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 73

e. Are absentee cards used? Yes

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 10

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. _____

2. Worship schedule

CLASS OR DEPARTMENT	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	LEADER
All groups except Nursery	Every Sun.	9:45	15 Min.	Rector
Nursery group	"	9:45	1 Hour	(Mrs. Kromshad &
6 1/2 to 8 yr. group	"	10:00	45 Min.	(Mrs. Roak Mrs. Cook
8 to 10 yr. group	"	"	"	Miss Hopkins
11 to 14 yr (boys)	"	"	"	Mrs. Gaylert
11 to 14 yr. (girls)	"	"	"	Mrs. Wessells
14 to 17 yr.	"	"	"	Rector

3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOUR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
6 1/2 to 8 yr.	7		M&F	Sun.	9:45	1 Hour	Episcopal Church
8 to 10 yr.	10						series with
11 to 14 yr. (boys)	8						innovations and
11 to 14 yr. (girls)	6						special seasonal
14 to 17	5						instruction
Nursery (3-6 1/2)	8						(Easter, Advent,
							Christmas, etc.)

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Fellowship series of church school material

Motion pictures occasionally

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Stories and brief discussion of subject for the day -- collection -- coloring -- singing around piano -- goodbye march with cross.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? The Rector and volunteers from the Parish conduct the classes.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the number of sessions, the leaders, etc.

By the Rector

One teacher attended a teacher training course conducted by the Diocese several years ago.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?

Rector

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE	Number	EDUCATION	Number	YEARS TEACHING	Number
19 years or less		Grade school	1	one	1
20 to 29	1	Junior high	2	two	
30 to 39	1	Senior high 1 to 3 years	2	three	2
40 to 49		College		four	
50 years or more	3	College grad.		five	1
		Graduate study		6 to 10	
Male				11 to 20	
Female	5	K-12		20 and over	1

7. What problems does the church school have? _____

Please see Paragraph G, Page K-15

B. Vacation Church School

1. When is it held? None

2. For how long each day? _____

3. What type of courses are taught? _____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____

5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's church school? _____

6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program

1. When are classes held? None

2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____

4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

NONE

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants.

We send young people to the Diocesan Youth Conference each June, four each time.

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

Have sent representatives to Parish Life Conference at Diocesan Center, six each time (12 total)

G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

We need teachers with college background, and a Resident teaching staff that doesn't change. Our staff varies with the changing community. Some years it is better than others.

We have developed our own program of Church School worship, that in some instances other churches follow. We have programs for the Advent, Epiphany, Lent, etc.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 200

2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. One (United program)

3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 40

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 162

2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. One

3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 20

C. For Men and Women

Junior Choir	10
Senior Choir	12
Servers	5

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 3

2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations 27

D. For Girls in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of girls			
2. Number of organizations			
3. otal active membership			

E. For Boys in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Total number of boys			
2. Number of organizations			
3. Total active membership			

F. For Youth in:	grade school	junior high	high school
1. Number of organizations		One	One
2. Total active membership		20	4

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Vestry

Total active members 12 Average attendance at meetings 9

Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings Evening

B. Why does this organization exist?

Incorporated

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Men

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Operation of Church

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Please see Part XVI

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: Edward J. Parnum Title: Rector's Warden

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name Women of Gloria Dei

Total active members 27 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month One Day and time of meetings 7:30 P.M.

B. Why does this organization exist?

Assist in work of Parish and Womens' Program of Diocese

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Service before Meetings

World Day of Prayer

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Luncheons served to visiting groups

2 Smorgasbords yearly - etc.

Christmas Gifts - Entertainment - Colonial Nursing Home
Philadelphia General Hospital - Harrison House at Episcopal Hospital

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Acquaint Membership with work within Diocese - Church, etc.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Work demands larger Membership

Signed by: Anna S. May Title: President

(k-19, 20 & 21 omitted)

IX. CLERGY OR LAY READERS IN CHARGE SINCE 1930

NAME	APPROX. AGE AT START OF MINISTRY HERE	PERIOD OF TENURE	MOVED TO:
J. C. Roak	32	30 years	
Lay Readers:			
Harry E. Hodgeson	1932 - 1962	(Deceased)	
Claude Cox	1949-1960	(Deceased)	
Thomas Rivel	1954 -	(Active)	
Russell Sonjou	1955 -	(Active)	

A. Does the present minister live in the neighborhood? Yes

Does he give full time to this church? Yes If not, what other church(es) does he serve, or what other work does he do?

In summer has been Priest in Charge, Church of the Redeemer, Longport, N. J. SINCE 1931--.

B. How many people from this parish have gone into full time work for the church within the past ten years, or are now studying for such work? 2
Please give details.

(1) Senior at Yale Divinity School; Candidate in Diocese of Conn.

(2) Social Worker in N. Y. City, Mission - E. Harlem

C. How many licensed lay readers serve the congregation now? 2

Do any lay readers from this congregation serve other congregations? No

If so, which congregations?

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges (Envelopes) $ 7,000 (2) Plate offerings $ 1,500 (3) Parish or mission organizations $ _____ (4) Endowments $ 7,500 (5) Spec fund drives $ 3,590* (6) Other (please specify) $ Missionary, fuel building maintenance offerings - $1,200; Thanksgiving, Christmas & Easter - $2,500; Advent & Lenten folders - $750; Lucia Fest - $750;

B. Disbursements	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	Last Full Ye
Total current expenses	10,938	11,313	16,481	16,250	21,000	26,150
Diocesan Assessment	877	321	(no figures)	1,624	1,700	1,500
Missionary Disbursements	500	812	224			
Special parish expense	6,561	7,180	11,257	9,626	13,800	19,150
Clergy salary or salaries: from congregation a)	3,000 ±	3,000 ±	4,500 ±	5,000 ±	5,500	5,500
b)						
from other sources a)						
b)						

Rental value of the rectory $ 120/Month

Is the church in debt? No Amount of debt $ _____ Method of repayment _____

* Guild House Restoration Fund
See attached budgets for 1955, 1960, 1963, 1964 & 1965

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Through our organizations -- Women of Gloria Dei, Vestry, Choir, Church School Faculty, and Young Peoples Fellowship

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

We had a census made by a firm, Kirby Associates. The information was revealing and helpful.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. What use is made of the press? The press is most cooperative. We advertise locally, We receive local and A.P. coverage.

B. What use is made of radio and/or television? A great deal -- all events are sent to local Radio & Television stations, with good response.

C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Our Parish Bulletin is sent by mail to all communicants. We use the mails frequently.

D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. Our Parish Bulletin emphasizes the Parish Calendar, Special appeals at Thanksgiving, Christmas, Easter, our Restoration Fund, and a general appeal for the Restoration of our Historic Sunda School building.

E. How many church road signs are there? _____

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Somewhat

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. The Rector is called upon frequently by various organizations, in many ways. Historical societies ask him for short lectures on the historic values of the Church. We feel that he is quite active in this type of work.

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Not as active as the Rector, but the congregation does join in community services such as Community Thanksgiving Service and Brotherhood Week services with the local Jewish congregation.

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

Due to limited facilities, we do not have any outside organizations such as Girl Schouts, Boy Scouts, etc. With the prospective building program we hope to extend this type of service.

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Local historical groups visit the Church for historical information and are then served lunch in the Parish Hall. Ocassionally societies will attend services in a body and have a lunch or "coffee hour" after the services.

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Thanksgiving Community Service of the Episcopal Churches within the South Philadelphia Area. Brotherhood Week: The congregation attends the Friday night services at Neziner Synagogue, 771 South Second Street; and the following Sunday the Jewish Congregation attends our 11 o'clock service.

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? (1) Executive Council

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? (2) Executive Council
"President", Church Women of Diocese

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? None

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs:
None

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs:
~~Diocesan Affairs, Founders Committee, Ecumenical~~
Relations, House of Rest

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs:
Summer Conference

G. Does this congregation pay its ~~full~~ accepted Missionary Share or Quota? yes

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? $1,500.0

XV. STAFF

A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

The sexton is the onlypaid staff member other than the music staff. He is paid $2,600 and is given the use of the sexton's house. including utilities and maintenance. After the retirement of a sexton who was with the church for several decades, we have had considerable difficulty in filling this position with a competent person who will stay. The tasks of custodial services, and grounds keeping combined with the extra needs of a historical premises, such as receiving and guiding visitors, indicate that two men are needed, one for the heavy work and one for the particular tasks of the sexton in relation to church duties, where responsibility and intelligence are required. The vestry is working on this problem now. The choirmaster-organist and two solo choir voices are budgeted at $3,500 per year.

B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

All other functions of the church than the sexton's duties (and sometimes those) are carried out by parish members on a voluntary basis. The choir is voluntary except for two paid soloists.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: A Sexton, and an assistant for heavy work. Sunday School teaching staff with college or teacher-training background.

2. Buildings: Restoration of present historical buildings, new and restored Parish Hall, Sunday School and Museum facilities.

3. Equipment: All should require more space than we have if the Church is to grow. Repairs to the Church, the Rectory, Parish Hall and Guild House are urgently needed.

B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

The regeneration of the urban inner core may reach and benefit our parish in the next decade. If so we may be able to reestablish our congregation as primarily a local one. As a national shrine, Gloria Dei will receive more attention as the no. of visitors to the city increases.

C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

We are in a depressed neighborhood with mixed industrial and residential areas, and are about to be severed from this by an expressway to be constructed immediately to the west. We are the southernmost of the old churches from center city, in an unfavorable competitive position for new members from that area since we are beyond walking distance. Our buildings are in need of extensive repairs. Even the normal maint. costs are a severe strain on our small reserves.

D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

We must induce new young members to join our congregation, and new older ones who can help administer our affairs and train the younger ones to succeed them. We must appeal to sources of large funds for help in restoring the buildings so that the parishioners' money may go more directly to church work.

E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

The full development plan will require $250,000 to $300,00 or more to accomplish. This amount will be more carefully analyzed in the near future.

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

We should increase our budget by $10,000/year minimum.

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

We are preparing an appeal to foundations for restoration funds.

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

We have appealed to the Bishop's discretionary fund on occasion, and have appealed to the Diocese for legal counsel when this has been needed.

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
Edward J. Parnum	Architect-Rector's Warden	30
Thomas Divel	Florist-Accounting Warden	10
Paul C. Harbeson	Architect-Survey Chairman	5

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership map submitted by this congregation locates a total of 600 persons who look to Gloria Dei Church for spiritual ministrations. Of this number, 119, or 19.7%, reside in Census Tract 39-B. There were 72 members, or 12.0%, residing in Census Tract 1-B. Census Tract 2-A, the site of Gloria Dei Church had 30 members, or 5.0% of the membership. More complete details on the membership distribution pattern for this congregation appear in the tables on the following pages.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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PARISH PHILADELPHIA GRORIA DEI

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
CHE CO UN	2	3
DEL CO UN	21	35
MON CO UN	13	22
1A	4	7
1B	72	120
1C	2	3
X 2A	30	50
3A	9	15
4A	4	7
7A	4	7
7C	5	8
8B	2	3
8D	2	3
13B	4	7
17A	2	3
18A	2	3
18B	5	8
19B	2	3
19D	2	3
19E	2	3
22L	2	3
23G	2	3
24A	2	3
26B	4	7
26E	5	8
27A	2	3
27B	2	3
28A	2	3
33C	2	3
33H	2	3
33J	4	7
34I	2	3
34M	2	3
35E	2	3
38I	2	3
39B	119	197
39C	19	32
39D	29	48
39E	63	105
39F	36	60
40A	4	7
40S	2	3
41K	2	3
42B	4	7
42G	2	3
43D	2	3
43F	2	3
46A	2	3
46G	4	7
46I	4	7
48A	2	3
48E	5	8
48F	2	3
50M	2	3
52H	2	3

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

PARISH

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA	NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
521	2	3
56J	2	3
57A	5	8
581	2	3
59B	4	7
59D	2	3
59H	5	8
591	5	8
59M	2	3
OUT STATE	45	75
	607	1000

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

Statistics for this portion of the Study were compiled from the Journals of the Diocese for every fifth year from 1940 through 1960 and for the consecutive three-year period thereafter.

During the 1950 to 1960 decade, the baptized membership of Gloria Dei Church decreased by 12.4%, from 502, in 1950 to 440 in 1960. It should be noted that the 440 persons listed resulted from an estimate by the General Division of Research and Field Study. Since 1962, baptized membership appears to be on the increase. Communicant strength decreased during the decade, from 502 in 1950 to 440 in 1960. The three-year period shows a gradual increase. Again, it must be pointed out that the Journal of the Diocese lists 436 communicants for 1963 while the Church Self-Study Form lists 536. Computations on the average pledge were based on the latter figure. Church school registration also decreased during the decade, from 146 in 1950 to 115 in 1960, a decrease of 21.2%. Enrollment followed a fluctuating pattern during the 1961 to 1963 period.

During the same period, 1961 to 1963, 66 persons were baptized and 43 confirmed at Gloria Dei Church. The average ratios of baptisms and confirmations to the communicant strength during this period were 5.1% and 3.3% respectively. The corresponding Philadelphia County averages were 3.5% and 3.4% while the diocesan averages were 3.9% and 4.1% for the same period.

Total reported expenditures at Gloria Dei Church amounted to $76,433.00 during the 1961 to 1963 period.

Of this amount, $3,655.00, or 4.8%, was expended for extra-parochial purposes. The corresponding Philadelphia County average was 11.3% while the diocesan average was 14.9%.

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Expenditures per communicant at Gloria Dei averaged $59.21 during 1961 to 1963 inclusive. The corresponding Philadelphia County average was $88.66 while the diocesan average was $73.71.

Extra-parochial expenditures per communicant in this congregation averaged a low of $2.83 as compared with $10.02 for Philadelphia County and $10.45 for the diocese. The foregoing financial data speak to the need for a re-evaluation of the existing stewardship program for this congregation.

VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH GLORIA DEI (OLD SWEDES) TOWN PHILADELPHIA

COUNTY PHILADELPHIA DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	* 331	398	502	482	* 440	440	528	653
Communicants	331	385	502	439	440	423	432	436
Church School	106	79	146	135	115	122	120	122
Baptisms	10	22	23	25	20	25	21	20
Percentage of Communicants	3.0	5.7	4.6	5.7	4.5	5.9	4.9	4.6
Confirmations	18	12	16	13	18	13	17	13
Percentage of Communicants	5.4	3.1	3.2	3.0	4.1	3.1	3.9	3.0
Parochial Expenditures 1	7,852	8,633	13,238	15,748	16,969	19,892	19.299	21.559
Special Par. Expenditures 2	1,512	2,569	3,656	5,046	1,807	6,302	3738	1998
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	473	901	1,381	2,245	1,244	1,775	1030	850
Total Reported Expenditures	9,837	12,103	18,275	23,039	20,020	27,969	24,067	24,407
Expenditures per Communicant	29.72	31.44	36.40	52.48	45.50	66.12	55.71	55.98
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.43	2.34	2.75	5.11	2.83	4.20	2.38	1.95

* GDRFS ESTIMATE (NR)

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1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.

2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.

3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

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Information obtained through the Episcopal Census conducted for this congregation is insufficient to permit a valid statistical analysis of the profile of the membership. The following paragraphs, therefore, will merely summarize the major aspects of the census.

A total of 312 persons is tabulated on the age and sex chart. Of this number, 143 were male and 169 were female. There were 48 children less than 10 years of age, 46 older children and teen-agers, 38 adults in their 20's, 36 adults in their 30's, 45 in their 40's, 44 in their 50's, 39 in their 60's, and 16 adults 70 years of age and over.

Of 274 respondents, 272 were baptized and two were not.

Of 183 respondents, 175 were communicants and eight were not.

There were 180 persons who reported on their length of membership in this congregation. Of this number, 24 had been members less than five years, 24 from five to nine years, 31 from 10 to 14 years, 32 from 15 to 19 years, 16 from 20 to 24 years, and 53 had been members 25 years or more.

A total of 281 persons reported on their occupations. Of this number, 80 were gainfully employed, craftsmen forming the largest group, with 25, followed by service workers, with 20. Among the 201 non-gainfully employed persons, housewives were the largest group, with 70,

followed by students, with 57.

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A total of 201 adults 25 years of age and over reported on their education. Of this number, 17 were college graduates, 12 had received from one to three years of college training, 49 were high school graduates, 67 had received from one to three years of high school education, 44 had received from five to eight years of elementary training and 12 had received from one to four years of elementary education.

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DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

GLORIA DEI CHURCH, (Old Swedes'), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Gloria Dei Church is one of the most historical parishes in the City of Philadelphia. Located in a changing neighborhood, this parish is wrestling with the question of identity. Should this church only be a shrine to the past or can it also be a living arm of the present ongoing Church? The present parish problems of obtaining money for restoration and maintenance, of possibly obtaining recognization as a National Shrine, and the dichotomy of ministering to a changing urban neighborhood, all are part of the burdens currently being borne.

The excellently prepared Church Self-Study Form gives a clear picture of some of the problems facing the congregation at this time. In some areas, it was difficult to determine the correct statistics because of conflicting sets of figures. The present communicant strength of the parish is listed as 536, but the Journal of the Diocese reports 100 less. The Journal of the Diocese reports that the baptized membership increased from 528 to 653 between the reported years of 1962 and 1963. This is an increase of 125 baptized members while at the same time there were 20 baptisms and 13 confirmations. If this membership increase was correctly reported, the General Division of Research and Field Study is interested in discovering how this was done, for it speaks of missionary outreach. The church school is reported to have 112 pupils and a staff of 10. Elsewhere in the Church Self-Study Form 44 pupils only are reported as the total of class registrations and the names and information are given about only five teachers. The question is raised whether or not an evaluation of present reported figures and the method of obtaining them might be of value in objectively determining the present size of the congregation and of the church school.

There is a good historic and community relationship going here. There is also a good bond and connection with Scandinavian people. Special observances throughout the year make Gloria Dei Church a focal point of interest.

There is also the imaginative use of a bus that twice on Sunday mornings makes a tour through the surrounding community to pick up children and adults for services.

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Although there were 653 baptized members listed as belonging to the parish, attendance figures for both services recorded only 87 persons on an average Sunday. The General Division of Research and Field Study added to this number the highest total classroom attendance during the past year reported in the Church Self-Study Form, and the resulting 160 persons was used as an average total Sunday attendance at Gloria Dei. This number is 24% of the reported baptized strength of the parish, and is considerably below the 45% to 50% attendance that is found in most Episcopal congregations across the country.

An examination of the Church Self-Study Form reveals no adult education program and no lay calling or evangelism on an organized basis.

It is recommended that parish leaders give serious consideration to the future role that this parish is going to follow. If this is to become merely a historic shrine, then federal recognition or foundation money should be actively sought and the church properties made into some sort of museum. If the church is to continue to be an active congregation and to minister to people, then a Parish Study Group should be appointed by the rector and vestry to clarify present programs and to lay some basic and long-range plans for the future. If the choice is made to follow the second alternative, then serious consideration should be given to the questions of membership commitment, evangelism in the area, stewardship education, and leadership training.

If the figures of membership size and attendance at services are correct, it is evident that the commitment to our Lord and His Church needs to be strengthened among the membership. There are resources on a diocesan and national level that can be contacted to help in the development of a program of this kind.

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With such redevelopment programs as Queen's Village presenting opportunities, and with a 1960 reported population in the parish area of 46,835 persons, an intensive lay-calling and evangelistic program could be undertaken to reach the neighborhood people. The 1960 census reports that in Tract Area 2-A, in which Gloria Dei Church is located, there were 1,342, non-whites, or 28.1%, of the population. The Episcopal Census submitted by the parish, while only 50% complete, did not report any non-white persons in the congregation. If this is the case throughout the parish area, it would seem that there is an opportunity of ministry to all of the people in the area. Communication and cooperation with other Episcopal congregations in the South Philadelphia Planning Area should be actively sought. There are nine Episcopal congregations in this area, and most of them face similar problems. The office of the Archdeacon is a ready source of assistance in planning overall strategy and group outreach.

An analysis of financial figures in the Church Self-Study Form shows that the level of pledged giving is low. The average pledge per communicant comes to $17.20 a year. The Church Self-Study Form reports that there is no Every Member Canvass as such, but that a Loyalty Sunday and Canvass by mail is used. Income from endowments is greater than the pledged contributions of the people. It is understood that there have been special fund drives in the parish and that individual members of the congregation have given sacrificially. It is recommended that the stewardship education program of the parish be considerably strengthened with an emphasis on proportionate giving, looking to tithing. Members of the congregation should come to understand that giving is a spiritual matter and is an integral part of their worship. As soon as possible, the congregation should accept the full Missionary Quota asking of the diocese and should pay it. The Church Self-Study Form reports that there has been an increase in the last few years in the amount placed in the parish budget for this purpose, but figures in the Journal of the Diocese show a decreasing amount paid in the years 1961 through 1963.

The General Division of Research and Field Study questions whether or not these reported figures are correct or whether a mistake has been made in this matter. Leaders of the parish might like to check to see whether or not the parish has actually increased its contributions to missionary work outside of the parish or whether it is merely that the amount in the budget has been enlarged but not paid. Because the burden of maintenance is heavy, money from endowments and foundations could be used for the upkeep of historic buildings, but in a healthy financial situation, a congregation should support the current work out of the current giving. This is a goal which the parish might like to set for itself.

The level of participation by adult members of the congregation in the parish program seems to be minimal. A core of dedicated men and women appears to be carrying most of the load. In the incomplete Episcopal Census, an analysis of the age distribution shows that there are approximately 150 adults between the ages of 20 and 60 who look to the parish for spiritual guidance. A program of leadership recruitment and training is clearly indicated if this parish is to seize its opportunities and to grow. Again, attention is called to diocesan and national sources for assistance in developing leadership training.

The present rector has been at Gloria Dei Church for 30 years. During that time he has made a significant contribution to the historic witness of the parish. Since time passes at the same rate for all people, it would be overlooking the obvious not to understand that the Canon Law of the Church requires all clergy to step down from posts of active leadership upon reaching the age of 72. This fact can be taken into consideration when the long-range plans of the parish are being formulated.

There is no doubt as to what the past of this parish has been. The present program and witness can be evaluated by those now in the positions of leadership in the parish. What the future of the congregation will be, no one knows exactly, but it will depend in large part on the wise decisions and the broad scope of program that is set forth during this time of decision. Because there are people living around Gloria Dei Church, there is the opportunity to minister among them. Let the parish turn its corporate eyes from within and see how the fields are already white for harvest.